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REMARKS

Applicant's representative respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indicated allowability of claims 1-11 and 13-23 per the telephone conference of June 2, 2004, subject to claims 9-11, 13, 15 and 18-23, being amended as shown, claim 12 canceled, and the specification and Fig. 1 amended as shown.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 04-2223. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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